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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 04

As of 4:15 p.m. June 5, an estimated cumulative total of 17,210 sockeye salmon have passed the Chignik River weir. To assess any buildup of sockeye salmon in Chignik Lagoon, ADF&G will be conducting the second test fishery on Thursday, June 7 during the morning high tide.

This news release serves as notice that a commercial fishing period may be announced, with short notice, within the next 72 hours in the Chignik Bay, Central, and Eastern districts of the Chignik Management Area. If possible, a 24 hour advanced notice will be given prior to the first commercial fishing period. However, fishermen should be prepared for a 12 hour notice given the rapid changes in escapement levels that may occur.

As a reminder, commercial salmon fishing license holder may not subsistence fish for salmon during the 12 hours before a commercial salmon fishing period or during the 12 hours following the closure of a commercial salmon fishing period.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, commercial harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.